GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
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PARTICIPATION OF PUBLIC PRIVATE SECTOR IN DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have finalised any plan to ensure public/private sector participation in generating funds for development of tourism infrastructure in the country;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) the names of tourist places identified for the tourism development;

(d) the terms and condition on which public/private participation will be permitted;

(e) the main constraints for the public/private sector in meeting the needs of the tourism infrastructure;

(f) the steps taken/likely to be taken to assist the public/private sector in tourism development;

(g) whether any study has been made on the existing infirmities in the tourism infrastructure; and

(h) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken/proposed to remove the infirmities?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR)

(a) The Government has proposed to set up Tourism Development Fund to provide assistance to bridge critical gap in tourism development which cannot be funded through normal Government budgetary grant with the aim to develop tourism infrastructure in the country.

(b) The proposal regarding the setting up of Tourism Development Fund is under examination for approval as this is a new scheme.

(c) No specific places have been identified for assistance under this proposed scheme.

(d) The terms and conditions are to be finalised after approval of the scheme.

(e) As per an estimate made in 1996, total requirement for tourism infrastructure is estimated at Rs.48,000 cores. Out of this, Rs.10,000 crores is to be invested by private sector and the remaining is to be invested by government/public sector. The main constraint, therefore, is the high cost of investment to be made both by the private and public sector.

(f) Interest Subsidy to hotels upto three star category, tax incentives to hospitality industry and assistance to UT/States for tourism infrastructure are some of the steps taken to assist public/private sector for tourism development.

(g) Yes, Sir. An Action Plan for development of tourism has been formulated on the recommendation of the Task Forces set up by the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, wherein the existing infirmities in the tourism infrastructure have been identified.

(h) The Action Plan for development of tourism has been forwarded to the various State / Union Territory Governments / agencies and the private travel industry associations for necessary action.